

**Idaho Department of Education  
Public Schools Agenda**

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**December 4-5, 2003**

**Idaho State University, Pocatello**

- A. Processing Requests for Letters of Authorization, Larry Norton**
- B. Letter of Authorization Requests, Larry Norton**
- C. Praxis II Qualifying Scores, Randy Thompson**
- D. Superintendent's Report, Dr. Marilyn Howard**

## **A. SUBJECT:**

### **Processing Requests for Letters of Authorization**

## **BACKGROUND:**

According to State Board of Education Rule 08.02.02.70.01, a Letter of Authorization (LOA) may be granted as an emergency certificate when a professional position cannot be filled. The Professional Standards Commission has the responsibility to review requests for Letters of Authorization and forward its recommendation(s) on to the State Board of Education for final approval.

## **DISCUSSION:**

Applications for Letters of Authorization come to the Bureau of Certification and Professional Standards.

- A. They are checked for completeness, collated, and prepared for presentation to the Authorizations Committee of the Professional Standards Commission (PSC) for an initial review.
- B. Each individual application is reviewed and discussed. A decision is made as to whether or not it should be forwarded to the full commission with a recommendation for approval. Criteria for making the decision include:
  - 1. Did the local school board include:
    - a. documentation of the declaration of a hiring emergency;
    - b. the chairperson's and superintendent's signatures;
    - c. a rationale of the need for this action; and
    - d. the name of the individual who will act as supervisor/mentor for the applicant?
  - 2. Is there a formal plan for how the individual plans to obtain certification, and is it verified by a college/university?
  - 3. Is the individual's resumé included in the application?
  - 4. Are the individual's fingerprints on file or included in the application?
  - 5. Does completion of the plan appear to be feasible in a timely fashion?
  - 6. The Authorizations Committee places great emphasis on:
    - a. the plan supplied by the college/university;
    - b. who the mentor will be;

- c. the location of the district and their letter of rationale; and
  - d. whether the application plan appears to have a large chance of being successful.
- C. For renewal of prior approvals, the Authorizations Committee looks for progress toward program completion. Transcripts to verify nine (9) semester credits of appropriate course work need to be included with the renewal application. If nine semester credits have not been completed, a letter of explanation giving reason(s) why must be included in the application.
- D. After all requests have been reviewed, a list of the approved applications is presented to the full PSC with a recommendation for approval. Once the list of names has been discussed and acted upon, it is forwarded to the State Board of Education with a recommendation for their final approval.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Copies of pages from *The Idaho Certification Manual* detailing the application process ***(Note: This item was not received in electronic form. For a copy, contact Larry Norton, 208-332-6885.)***
2. A Letter of Authorization application packet

***IDAHO STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION***

***TEACHER CERTIFICATION/PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS***

***LETTER***

***OF***

***AUTHORIZATION***

***PACKET***

***April 17, 2003***

# APPLICATION FOR AN IDAHO PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION CREDENTIAL

**B1**

## ITEM #1: PERSONAL INFORMATION

Social Security Number a	<input type="checkbox"/> Initial App. <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal <input type="checkbox"/> Revision <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement	<b>OFFICIAL USE ONLY</b>	
Name: (Print exactly as you want it on the certificate) b	Maiden or name on previous certificate	fee	date received
Street or PO Box c	Home phone: (   ) Work phone: (   )	year issued	year expired
City, State, Zip Code d	Male (   ) Female (   )	Date of Birth	ICC status

## ITEM #2: CERTIFICATES and AREAS OF ENDORSEMENT BEING REQUESTED

		Certificates	Endorsements
a	Endorsement		
b	Endorsement		
c	Endorsement		
d	Endorsement		

## ITEM #3: EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS ATTENDED

List all colleges attended. Six semester hours of credit must be earned within the 5 year period just prior to application (for initial, renewal, and reinstatement applicants). Renewal applicants must earn their recent credit within the validity period of their last certificate. For renewal, list only those institutions where recent credit was obtained.

Name of college/university (list most recent first) (Use back if more room is needed)	Years attended		Degree	Year
	from	to	Earned	Earned
a				
b				
c				

## ITEM #4: TEACHING EXPERIENCE

If you have had two or more years of full time, contracted teaching experience (substitute/student teaching don't count), list most recent first. The past 2 jobs are enough.

school district name	district #	State	from	to	# of yrs
			month/year	month/year	
a					
b					

## ITEM #5: APPLICANT VERIFICATION (MUST BE COMPLETED IN ORDER FOR APPLICATION TO BE PROCESSED)

Have you ever had a teaching certificate revoked, suspended, or denied; have you voluntarily relinquished a teaching certificate to avoid revocation proceedings in other states? Yes (   )   No (   )

Have you ever been convicted of any crime or violation of any law in any state, federal, or military court? (NOTE: For the purposes of this question, "conviction" means (1) all instances in which a plea of guilty or *nolo contendere* is the basis of conviction, (2) all proceedings in which a sentence has been suspended, deferred, or withheld, and (3) all proceedings in which the prosecution was deferred. Do not include convictions for minor traffic violations.) Yes (   )   No (   )

### If the answer is YES to either of the above, the following applies:

#### If you were adjudicated of a **MISDEMEANOR**:

1. less than five (5) years ago, it is necessary to provide a written explanation and any relevant documents from the arresting law enforcement agency and the court that oversaw the final disposition of the offense(s).
2. more than five (5) years ago, a written explanation is necessary.

#### If you were adjudicated of a **FELONY**, regardless of how long ago:

1. it is necessary to provide a written explanation and any relevant documents from the arresting law enforcement agency and the court that oversaw the final disposition of the offense(s).

By your signature on this application, you attest and affirm that all statements made on this application are true and correct according to your knowledge and belief. You further attest and affirm that you have and will abide by Idaho Code and State Board of Education rules and regulations relative to the responsibility and conduct of certificated Idaho educators. Entry of false information on this application could result in denial of your application or revocation of your certificate.

Signature of Applicant:

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Date:

**DISTRICT REQUEST**  
**for approval of a Letter of Authorization**  
**(TO BE FILLED OUT BY A DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR)**  
**Please type. Thank you!**

**This request for a Letter of Authorization is being made for:**

Last Name _____	First Name _____	Middle Initial _____	Social Security # _____
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**I. The Position**

1. What is the specific position for which the LOA is being requested?  
Elementary \_\_\_\_\_ subject area (if other than basic classroom) \_\_\_\_\_  
Secondary \_\_\_\_\_ subject area(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Other (counselor, school nurse, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

**II. The Immediate Supervisor/Mentor**

2. Who will be the designated supervisor/mentor? \_\_\_\_\_  
3. What position does the supervisor/mentor hold? \_\_\_\_\_  
4. What qualifications make this person an appropriate supervisor/mentor? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**III. The Applicant**

1. Does the person have any teaching experience at all? (circle one)      **YES**      **NO**  
2. If so, in what teaching area? \_\_\_\_\_  
3. When (years)? \_\_\_\_\_  
4. Where (district or state)? \_\_\_\_\_  
5. List any states other than Idaho where the applicant has held an education credential.  
state \_\_\_\_\_ expiration date \_\_\_\_\_  
state \_\_\_\_\_ expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

**IV. The Plan**

1. Has the applicant, in conjunction with a college/university or the Department of Education, developed a plan or a list of appropriate course work necessary to attain the necessary certification?      **YES**      **NO**  
2. Which college/university furnished the plan? \_\_\_\_\_

**Checklist**

A complete packet needs to include all of the items listed below. (Use the check list to guide you.)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Application for *Idaho Professional Education Credential* filled out by the individual (Form B1).  
\_\_\_\_\_ A check or money order, made out to the Idaho Department of Education, for the \$100 fee is attached.  
\_\_\_\_\_ *District Request for Approval of a Letter of Authorization* including. . .  
    a. affirmation of the Board's declaration of emergency;  
    b. signatures of Board Chairperson and the district Superintendent on the *District Request*. . . form;  
    c. rationale of the need for this action;  
    d. name & qualifications of person designated to supervise/mentor the applicant;  
\_\_\_\_\_ *Teacher Information Form* (with planned program for completion);  
\_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's resumé;  
\_\_\_\_\_ Official transcripts; and,  
\_\_\_\_\_ Criminal History Check on file.

\_\_\_\_\_ CHC completion date

## **V. The Request**

**This request for a Letter of Authorization is being made by:**

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School District (or other Educational Agency) Name and Number

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Street address or PO Box Number

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City, State, and Zip Code

**We, the undersigned, have:**

- a) declared that a hiring emergency for this position exists in our district;
- b) that this declaration is recorded in official minutes of the Board of Trustee meeting; and,
- c) a copy of the minutes are attached to this application.

**Signatures:**

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Chairperson of the Local School District or educational agency

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Superintendent of Schools or chief officer

# TEACHER INFORMATION FORM

(TO BE FILLED OUT BY THE INDIVIDUAL FOR WHOM APPLICATION IS BEING MADE)

Please type. Thank you!

NAME:

First Name

Initial

Last Name

Social Security #

1. This Letter of Authorization request is being filed by

School District Name and Number

2. The type of certification requested is: (be specific)

(eg. Secondary English; Elementary 3rd grade, District School Nurse, School Counselor, etc.)

Please have the appropriate college/university personnel sign on the line below. This verifies that the list of courses has been approved by the college/university, and that it will culminate in the completion of a program to obtain an Idaho certificate. If the evaluation is done by the Idaho State Department of Education's Office of Teacher Certification, the person doing the evaluation can sign. If the signature appears on a separate list or letter that shows the needed course work, that letter or list can be attached to this form.

## COURSEWORK NEEDED TO OBTAIN APPROPRIATE CERTIFICATION

Course Prefix	Course #	Course Title	Course Prefix	Course #	Course Title

Use the back if you need more room to list needed coursework or attach a list if it was furnished by an appropriate official.

3. The course work listed above is needed to attain the certification necessary to hold the job listed in item #2. It was furnished by

signature of official who furnished the evaluation listed above, if they use this form

4. Briefly describe your plans, including timelines, for completing the courses listed above.

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5. The anticipated date of completion of ALL requirements is:

month and year

Applicant's signature

Date

01/05/2001



## **DIRECTIONS**

(Only complete packets will be considered. Please submit ALL material at one time.)

(NOTE: Please refer to the checklist at the bottom of the *District Request* form. This will tell you if you have a complete packet, or not.)

1. **Request an application packet:** Call the Office of Teacher Certification (332-6800) to request that an application packet be sent to your district.
2. **Local agency responsibilities:** When the LOA packet is received, the local education agency and the individual for whom the LOA is being requested need to complete all forms, gather all material, answer all questions, and submit all information at one time.
3. **Forms and materials that need to be completed and gathered:**
  - ***Application for an Idaho Professional Education Credential*** (Form B-1). This form is necessary for all first time and renewal requests.)
  - ***District Request for Approval of a Letter of Authorization*** (2 pages) – The Chairperson of the local school board (or other educational agency) **must** sign this form; this is the form on which the Local School Board's declaration of emergency is affirmed.
  - ***Teacher Information Form*** (1 page) – The individual for whom the request is being made fills out this form. It must include a plan (list of course work to be completed?) to achieve the necessary certification. This plan **must** be verified by an accredited college/university. The Office of Teacher Certification can provide the plan if it is to achieve a certificate or endorsement for a basic education classroom teacher (K-12).
4. **Supervision:** Be sure to fill out the section on the *District Request for Approval of a Letter of Authorization* dealing with the person who will be responsible for the day-to-day supervision/mentoring of the applicant.
5. **Support information:** If you deem it to be appropriate, documentation may also be included in the form of:
  - Information attesting to the teacher's ability to serve in the requested position;
  - Letters of recommendation; and,
  - When applicable, a written statement from the college/university indicating;
  - Acceptance into an approved program toward certification; and/or,
  - Progress being made toward certification.
6. **Individual's resumé:** Please include such items as education and work experience.
7. **Official transcripts:** These are required before an LOA approval can be issued. In an emergency, a copy may be considered for **evaluation purposes ONLY**. An official transcript must be submitted promptly as soon as it is practical to do so.

(NOTE: A delay in receiving pertinent transcripts will cause a delay in processing.)
8. **Fees:** Attach a check for the required fee of \$100.00 payable to the *Idaho Department of Education*.
9. **Finger-prints:** If the individual has not been fingerprinted as a teacher in your district, they must also submit fingerprint cards and the \$40 fee for processing.

**WHAT HAPPENS WHEN ALL MATERIAL HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY THE  
DEPARTMENT OF ED?**

- 1. Evaluation of the request** – When all materials have been received, the Certification Office will:
  - a. do an evaluation of all that has been submitted;
  - b. if all is in order, present the request to the Professional Standards Commission; and,
  - a. if recommended for approval by the PSC, will forward the request on to the State Board of Education for their final approval or disapproval.
  
- 2. Notification to the Educational Agency – The local education agency will:**
  - a. be notified of the Professional Standards Commission's recommendation and the final action of the State Board of Education; and,
  - b. if approved by the State Board of Education, will receive the Letter of Authorization approval from the Certification Office as soon as possible. Usually, this letter will be sent to the superintendent of the local education agency.
  
- 3. Criminal History Check** – If applicable, effective July 1, 1996, requests for a Letter of Authorization approval must include verification that the applicant has completed a Criminal History Check through the Department of Education before the Letter of Authorization can be issued. This process includes fingerprinting.

## **HINTS FOR GETTING AN LOA APPROVED**

**(Guidelines used by the PSC in considering an LOA application)**

**(NOTE: To be considered at the next meeting of the Professional Standards Commission, ALL application packet material needs to be submitted to the Office of Teacher Certification no later than ten (10) days prior to the meeting. Pleas for extra time will be hard to obtain. Application packets have to be mailed to members of the Authorizations Committee of the PSC a week before the actual meeting. There isn't enough time to properly consider all applications if the committee members don't see the material prior to the meeting. It is the responsibility of the local education agency to find out when the next PSC meeting is scheduled and plan accordingly.)**

**For information call:**

**Larry Norton  
1-(208)-332-6800**

1. In determining what constitutes an LOA emergency at the district level, items considered by the PSC include, but are not limited to:
  - a. date of the declaration of the emergency;
  - b. location of the district; and,
  - c. availability of an adequate applicant pool.
2. The supply/demand issue as related to the uniqueness of the district will be considered.
3. Also considered will be the uniqueness of each district as related to the recruitment efforts required to fill a position with a properly certified instructor. Factors to consider include, but are not limited to:
  - a. size of the district;
  - b. location of the district;
  - c. salary schedule; and,
  - d. proximity to an institution of higher education.
4. Factors to be considered in the approval of the supervision the district will provide for the candidate will include, but not be limited to:
  - a. the certification of the supervisor;
  - b. the accessibility of the supervisor to the applicant; and,
  - c. the professional experience of the supervisor.
5. The educational plan, in including the proposed timeline, provided by the individual serving under the LOA is critical. Factors to be considered for approval include, but are not limited to, the individual's:
  - a. semester credits earned toward completion of the appropriate certification requirements;
  - b. educational certificate(s) held; and,
  - c. related work experience.
6. Applicants are considered based on their qualifications as of September of the current school year. Others employed later in the school year will be considered based on their qualifications as of the date of employment.
7. **ONLY COMPLETED LOA PACKETS WILL BE CONSIDERED.**

IDAHO STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING THE  
LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION PACKET**

**A. When is it appropriate for a district to apply for a Letter of Authorization approval?**

1. As found in the “Idaho Department of Education Professional School Personnel Certification Standards” manual, the purpose of an LOA approval is “to allow Idaho public school districts (or other educational agencies) to request emergency approval when a professional position cannot be filled....a position for which the teacher is not fully certified.”

**NOTE:** The term “position,” for LOA purposes, refers to full-time positions only.

2. As found in the “Idaho Department of Education Professional School Personnel Certification Standards” manual, an LOA application is considered when a local school district (or other educational agency) has made every effort to find a competent, fully certified teacher for a position and is unable to do so.

**B. When should an application for an LOA be submitted?**

The Professional Standards Commission does not meet every month; consequently, it is the local education agency’s responsibility to contact the Office of Certification at the State Department of Education to get information about appropriate time-lines for submission of their application. In general, all applications have to be in the Office of Certification at least 10 working days before the next meeting of the Professional Standards Commission. Contact Larry Norton at (208)-332-6885 for submission deadlines.

**C. For how long may a Letter of Authorization be requested?**

1. LOA approvals are valid for 1 year.
2. A request may be renewed annually if progress toward the desired certificate/endorsement can be shown. Usually, completion of nine (9) semester credits applicable to the standard for full certification is needed.

**D. If approved, what is the process for renewing an LOA?**

1. If an LOA is needed for more than one year, there is an annual review process conducted by the Professional Standards Commission. The following materials need to be submitted for consideration of the renewal:
  - a completed *Application for an Idaho Professional Education Credential* with the required fee (\$100.00);
  - written verification of continued employment in the district from which the original request for the LOA was made;
  - **official** transcripts verifying that nine (9) semester credit hours that apply toward completion of the desired certification have been completed successfully within the the first year of the approval. If less than nine (9) hours have been completed, the Professional Standards Commission will consider the circumstances based on explanations from the candidate, the local education agency, and/or the college or university; and,
  - written verification from the college or university that satisfactory progress toward the planned certification is being made.

**E. What is the minimum qualification for LOA consideration?**

1. The applicant must have a Bachelor’s Degree of some kind.

The applicant must be a full-time employee of the district requesting the LOA.

**B. SUBJECT:****Letters of Authorization****BACKGROUND:**

At its November 3-4, 2003, meeting, the Professional Standards Commission approved Letters of Authorization for recommendation to the State Board of Education for its final approval.

Pertinent to the Letters of Authorization, State Board of Education Rule IDAPA 08.02.02.070.01 states that, "The final recommendation of the Commission will be submitted to the State Board of Education by the Superintendent of Public Instruction."

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The State Department of Education recommends that the State Board of Education give final approval for the Letters of Authorization that have been submitted as approved by the Professional Standards Commission at its November 3-4, 2003, meeting.

**BOARD ACTION:**

The State Board carried to approve/disapprove/table the requests for Letters of Authorization as submitted by the Professional Standards Commission. It was moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, and carried.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Approval list for Letters of Authorization

# Professional Standards Commission

November 3 - 4, 2003

## Letter of Authorization Requests

REQUESTS			The district's request is for a:			New, 1st or 2nd Renewal
FTE	NAME	DIST	DISTRICT NAME	CERTIFICATE	ENDORSEMENT	
1	Abbott, Mathilda G.	365	Brnu-Grndvw	Pupil Personnel Services	School Counselor	N
1	Albertson, Cindy	84	Lake Pend Oreille	Pupil Personnel Services	School Counselor	N
1	Allen, Laura	215	Fremont Co.	already has certificate	Ed Media Generalist	N
1	Andrus, Shelley B.		Id. Virtual Acad.	Standard Secondary	Social Studies	1
1	Ashley, Patrick	60	Shelley	already has certificate	Natural Science	1
1	Brody, Steve		ID. Youth Ranch	Standard Exceptional Child	Generalist	N
1	Burningham, Anna D.	193	Mt. Home	Standard Exceptional Child	Generalist	1
1	Castaneda, Elizabeth C.	151	Cassia Co.	Standard Exceptional Child	Generalist	1
1	Christensen, Patsy G.	151	Cassia Co.	Standard Exceptional Child	Generalist	1
1	Drake, Chelsea	2	Meridian	Standard Exceptional Child	Generalist	N
1	Egusquiza, Debra A.		COSSA	Standard Exceptional Child	Generalist	1
1	Eitel, Sheryl L.	193	Mt. Home	EC/ECSE Blended	Birth thru grade 3	N
1	Hammer, Elaine		COSSA	Standard Exceptional Child	Generalist	N
1	Harper, Jackie L.	193	Mtn. Home	Administrator	Principal	1
1	Harrah, Susan C.	151	Cassia Co.	Standard Exceptional Child	Generalist	2
1	Holyoak, Ron	60	Shelley	Standard Secondary	Physical Education	1
1	House, Carmen	131	Nampa	Pupil Personnel Services	Speech/Language Pathology	1
1	Kappes, Axel A.		COSSA	Standard Exceptional Child	Generalist	1
1	Keith, Kelly D.	365	Brnu-Grndvw	EC/ECSE Blended	birth thru grade 3	N
1	Korn, Susan	131	Nampa	Standard Exceptional Child	Generalist	1
1	Loveless, Carol	151	Cassia Co.	Standard Exceptional Child	Generalist	2
1	Mecham, Jeffrey A.	134	Middleton	Standard Exceptional Child	Generalist	1
1	Meservy, Lisa	193	Mt. Home	EC/ECSE Blended	Birth thru grade 3	N
1	Mollineaux, Barbara A.	61	Blaine Co.	Standard Exceptional Child	Generalist	N
1	Nielsen, Kaveri	1	Boise	Standard Exceptional Child	Generalist	1
1	Oberlander, Lorien	1	Boise	Standard Exceptional Child	Generalist	N
1	Rast, Jeffrey J.	121	Camas Co.	Standard Secondary	Natural Science; Social Studies	N
1	Smith, Sarah	193	Mt. Home	Standard Exceptional Child	Generalist	N
1	Stephens, Jennifer	413	Filer	EC/ECSE Blended	birth thru grade 3	1
1	Stoneberg, Trevor	2	Meridian	Standard Exceptional Child	Generalist	N
1	Therien, Katherine		COSSA	Standard Exceptional Child	Generalist	1
1	Wootan, Shannon	83	West Bonner Co.	Pupil Personnel Services	Speech/Language Pathologist	1
1	Wright, Jacqueline K.	281	Moscow	already has certificate	Consulting Teacher	N

33 Total New Requests

## **C. SUBJECT:**

### **Qualifying Scores for Praxis II Preservice Examinations**

## **BACKGROUND:**

Idaho teacher preparation programs are to have in place a common measure to assess basic knowledge corresponding to areas of certification of all candidates seeking Idaho licensure, as required by Title II of the Higher Education Act. Such a common preservice measure also has implications for meeting the requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act to ensure teacher preparation programs produce teachers who are highly qualified.

Consensus among college of education deans and the Professional Standards Commission produced a recommendation to the State Board of Education that such a common measure be the Praxis II examination, published by the Educational Testing Service (ETS).

The Idaho State Board of Education unanimously approved the following action item on Friday, November 17, 2000:

“It was moved by Mr. Rod Lewis and carried to approve the use of the PRAXIS II examination as an initial preservice requirement for teacher certification.”

Working with ETS, a series of test review meetings was held to determine if the Praxis II assessments aligned with State Board–approved Idaho Standards for Initial Certification of Professional School Personnel. The meetings included teacher preparation program deans and instructors who are knowledgeable in their respective content areas such as English, Mathematics and Science and the State Board-approved standards for each preparation area.

Pilot assessments were conducted at each teacher preparation institution in Idaho during the 2002-2003 academic school year. The Professional Standards Commission has analyzed assessment data, resulting in a recommendation to the State Board to consider establishing Idaho qualifying scores for all Praxis II assessments.

## **DISCUSSION:**

The criteria for setting qualifying scores focused on maintaining long-term quality of instruction, student achievement, and the composition of the Idaho professional educator workforce. Every effort was made to balance these items with the available data, and the following considerations were included:

- Item analysis studies of tests of Elementary Education, English, and Mathematics were conducted. Analyses of individual Praxis II tests for all other certification areas consisted of studies of the alignment of individual test items with Idaho teacher preparation standards adopted by the State Board, and an extensive review of qualifying scores adopted by other states using the same tests.
- The relatively small number of Idaho assessment takers in most content areas resulted in the necessity to use national data instead of Idaho pilot testing data to set qualifying scores, because a minimum of 27 test results are needed when determining statistical significance. As illustrated in Attachment 1, fewer than 27 Idaho candidates took many of the assessments, a number of test results too small to determine reliable statistical significance.
- Comparing proposed Idaho qualifying scores to the qualifying scores from other states presented a challenge to the PSC. The specific proportion of ethnic subpopulations used to establish qualifying scores was not known, and the length of time the scores have been in effect could not be determined.
- The PSC chose to use a consistent criterion in recommending a qualifying score for each content area test based on the mean of the national data from 2002-2003 minus one standard deviation. Using this criterion, it is possible that as many as 16 percent of those taking the Praxis II tests will not earn a qualifying score.

Following extensive consideration by the Professional Standards Commission and completion of the alignment process of Praxis II assessments and the State Board-approved Idaho Standards for Initial Certification of Professional School Personnel, the Commission submits the



following recommendation for consideration by the State Board of Education.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the qualifying scores for required Praxis II content/pedagogy and performance assessments based on the mean of the national data from 2002-2003 minus one standard deviation. Candidates will be held accountable for meeting or exceeding the Praxis II qualifying scores on assessments taken from September 1, 2004, forward.

**BOARD ACTION:**

The State Board of Education carried to approve/disapprove/table the request by the Professional Standards Commission to approve the qualifying scores for required Praxis II assessments, based on the mean of the national data from 2002-2003 minus one standard deviation. Candidates will be held accountable for meeting or exceeding the Praxis II qualifying scores on assessments taken from September 1, 2004, forward. Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ and carried.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Idaho Proposed Qualifying Scores
2. Idaho Proposed Qualifying Score  
National Comparison  
State Comparisons  
Raw Score Comparisons

***(Note: Attachments not received in electronic form. For more information, contact David Breithaupt, 203-332-6824.)***

**D. SUBJECT:**

**Superintendent's Report**